

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An optical pickup apparatus includes a light source having a plurality of integrated light emitting portions for emitting laser beams of different wavelengths, the light source being adapted to selectively emit one of the laser beams of different wavelengths; a photodetector for detecting the laser beam; and an optical system for directing the laser beam emitted from the light source to the disc, and for directing the laser beam reflected by the disc to the photodetector. The light source is positioned such that a straight line connecting respective light emitting points of the plurality of light emitting portions is coincident with a tangential line of a track on a disc to be reproduced.